

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: REPORTED COMMENTS OF ASST SEC HOLBROOKE ON US/DPRK  
CONTACTS

1. IN FRONTPAGE STORY AUGUST 2, TONGA ILBO WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT REPORTS DOS HOLBROOKE, DURING AUGUST 1 MEETING WITH GROUP OF 19 KOREAN RESIDENTS IN U.S., SAID U.S. HAS HAD CONTACT WITH DPRK ON FIVE OCCASIONS, BUT U.S. WILL NOT CONTACT DPRK IN FUTURE WITHOUT ADVANCE CONSULTATION WITH ROK. ARTICLE SAYS HOLBROOKE DID NOT EXPLAIN NATURE OF U.S. CONTACT WITH DPRK, WHEN, OR WHERE.
2. ARTICLE SAYS KOREAN RESIDENTS ARE GROUP CONNECTED WITH DEMOCRATIC PARTY NATIONAL COMMITTEE. ONE OF GROUP (LAWYER NAMED PAK SON-U) IS QUOTED SAYING HOLBROOKE PLANS TO ESTABLISH ADVISORY BODY WITHIN EAST ASIAN/PACIFIC AFFAIRS TO DEAL WITH KOREAN QUESTIONS. NO SOURCE IS GIVEN FOR INFO IN PARA ONE ABOVE, AND PAK MAY BE SOURCE FOR ENTIRE STORY.
3. CHUNGANG ILBO ALSO HAS THIS STORY, BUT NO COMMENTARY/REACTION HAS APPEARED YET. IN VIEW OF ROK SENSITIVITIES ON ISSUE OF US/DPRK CONTACT, APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF THIS STORY ASAP.  
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